

Approved Applicants

This section presents information on the age, gender, and ethnic profiles of FY99 KHC applicants and recipients. **Approved Applicants** is the number of people with end-stage renal disease who became newly eligible for KHC benefits during the fiscal year being reported. **Currently Eligible** refers to the total number of recipients who are eligible to receive KHC benefits during the fiscal year being reported.

in Table 9, by fiscal year of entry. For example, in FY96, 4,093 applicants were approved for benefits. Of those applicants, in FY99, 2,329 are currently eligible, while 1,429 have died, and 335 have left the program or are no longer eligible to receive KHC benefits.

**Figure 3: Program Growth
Approved Applicants & Currently Eligible**

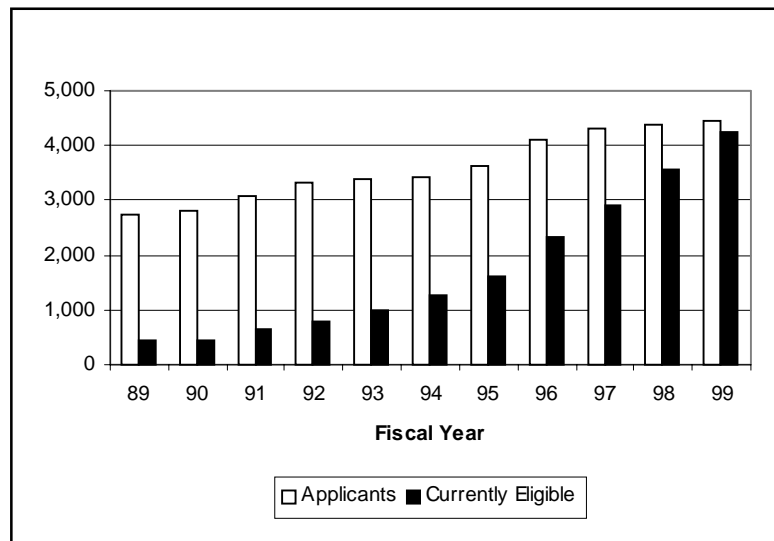
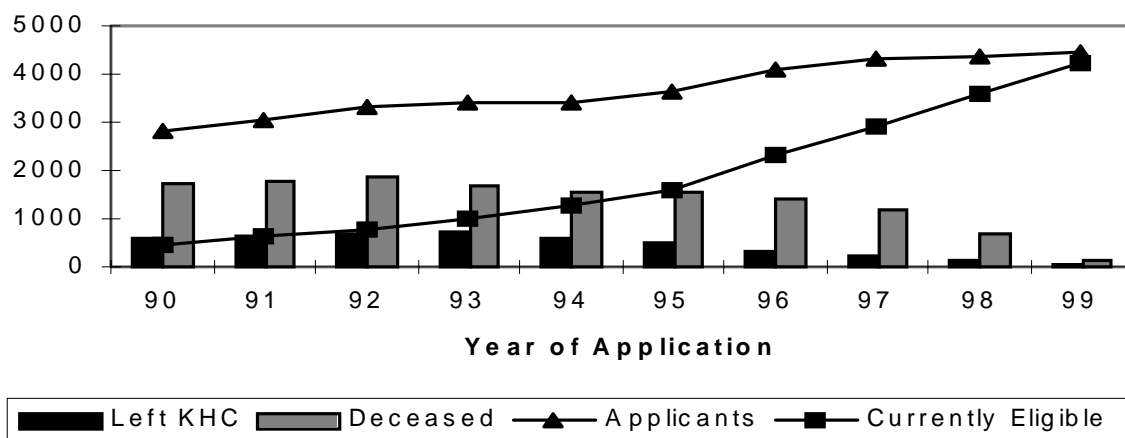


Figure 3 to the right compares the number of approved applicants to the number of currently eligible recipients at the end of each fiscal year since FY89. The numbers of both approved applicants and currently eligible recipients have risen significantly during this time.

Attrition, or the rate at which recipients leave the program, also affects the size of the program. Figure 4 illustrates these figures as reported

Figure 4: Program Status by Year of Entry



In FY99, 4,440 applicants became eligible for KHC benefits. As Table 9 below shows, this is an increase of 1.6% over the FY98 figure of 4,368. Since FY90, the rate of growth of new applicants has averaged 5%.

The age, gender, and ethnic distribution of KHC applicants is reflected in Table 10 on page 15. In FY99, the Hispanic group represented the largest percentage of approved applicants (40.4%), in contrast to FY89, in which the White group

Table 9: Approved Applicants by Fiscal Year of Entry (FY74-FY99)

Fiscal Year of Application	Approved Applicants	Annual % of Change	Currently Eligible in FY99¹	Left KHC before 8/31/99²	Reported Deaths as of 8/31/99³
74-89	23,002	9.6 ⁴	2,125	3,657	17,220
90	2,797	1.6 ⁵	456	613	1,728
91	3,068	9.7	644	631	1,793
92	3,316	8.1	779	692	1,845
93	3,398	2.5	989	706	1,703
94	3,419	0.6	1,261	596	1,562
95	3,635	6.3	1,603	507	1,525
96	4,093	12.6	2,329	335	1,429
97	4,305	5.2	2,908	216	1,181
98	4,368	1.5	3,570	128	670
99	4,440	1.6	4,231	51	158
Total	59,841		20,895	8,132	30,814

Table 9 Notes

¹ *Currently Eligible* are those applicants by Fiscal Year who were eligible to receive KHC benefits during FY99. Prior to September 1, 1999, the *Currently Eligible* category was denoted as “active” or “inactive” status.

² *Left KHC* status includes all applicants by Fiscal Year who left the program for various reasons other than death (e.g. moved out of state).

³ *The actual number of deaths may be greater than the number of deaths reported as the status of applicants who are not actively participating in KHC is unknown.*

⁴ *Average of % changes for FY74-89.*

⁵ *% change from FY89.*

Table 10: Approved Applicant Profile, FY89 & FY99

	FY89 Approved Applicants		FY99 Approved Applicants		Projected 1999 Texas Population	
Age Group	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
0-20	71	2.58	46	1.04	6,500,622	32.51
21-34	336	12.21	305	6.87	4,200,794	21.00
35-44	365	13.26	511	11.51	3,289,797	16.45
45-54	434	15.77	836	18.83	2,488,949	12.45
55-64	658	23.91	1,035	23.31	1,516,570	7.59
65-74	568	20.64	1,064	23.96	1,105,927	5.53
75+	320	11.63	643	14.48	892,769	4.47
Totals	2,752	100.00	4,440	100.00	19,995,428	100.00
Gender						
Female	1,330	48.33	2,178	49.05	10,118,105	50.60
Male	1,422	51.67	2,262	50.95	9,877,323	49.40
Totals	2,752	100.00	4,440	100.00	19,995,428	100.00
Ethnic Group						
White	1,079	39.21	1,382	26.96	11,034,755	55.19
Hispanic	883	32.08	1,794	40.41	6,084,178	30.43
African American	748	27.18	1,197	31.13	2,282,251	11.41
Other	42	1.53	67	1.50	594,244	2.97
Totals	2,752	100.00	4,440	100.00	19,995,428	100.00

represented the largest percentage of approved applicants (see Figure 6, page 16). The distribution of ESRD by gender reveals that male applicants exceed female applicants, which is consistent with the United States Renal Data System (USRDS) 1999 Annual Data Report in which it is reported that ESRD is more common in males than in females. The age distribution for both FY89 and FY99 applicants illustrate that the greatest percentage of approved

applicants fall into the 55-64 and 65-74 age categories, respectively (see Figure 5, page 16.) The median age of KHC applicants in FY99 was 60 and the average age was 58.2. In FY89, the median age was 57 and the average age was 54.8. KHC *suspects* that the increase in the median and average ages over this 10 year period may be due to the aging of the population and newer technologies for the screening and treatment of hypertension and diabetes.

Age Group - In FY95, KHC realigned the age groups to be consistent with Medicare and the United States Renal Data System (USRDS) categories to allow comparative analysis of changes among applicants age 65 and older.

Population - State population figures are obtained from the Texas A&M State Data Center and are based on unadjusted 1990 census figures.

Figure 5: Approved Applicants by Age Group, FY89 & FY99

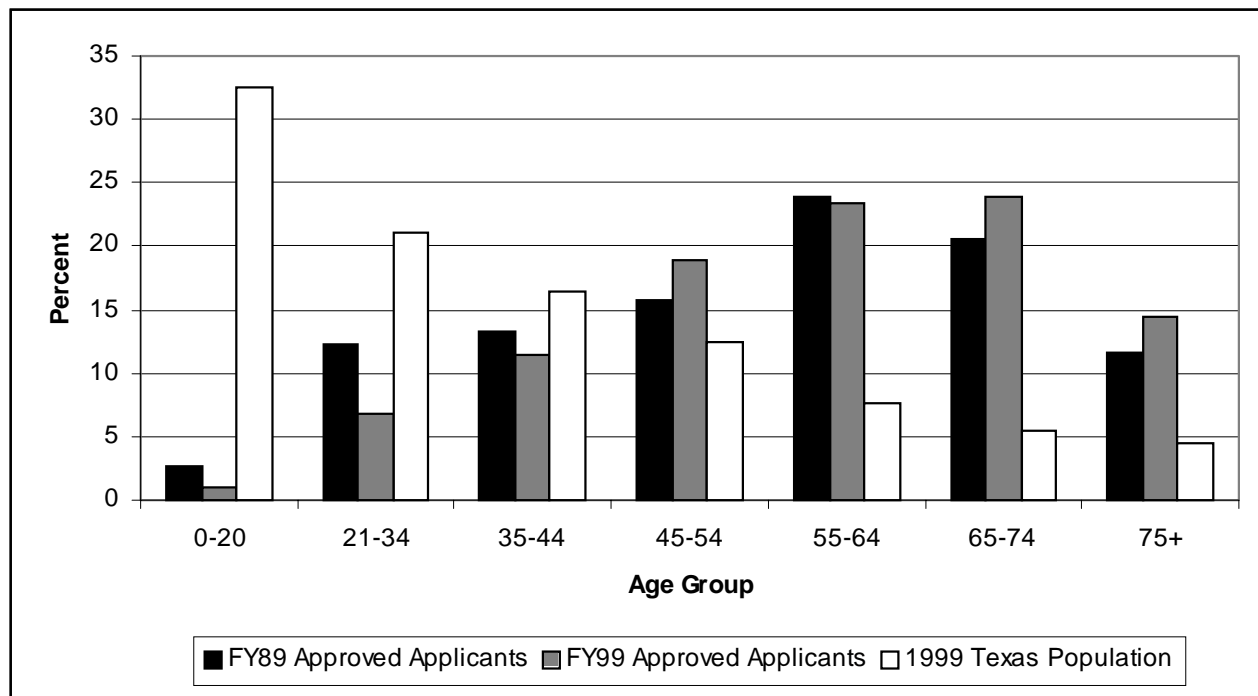


Figure 6: Approved Applicants by Ethnic Group, FY89 & FY99

